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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 6 and 15-30 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1-2 are allowed and claim 6 has been deemed incomplete, as the Examiner in accordance with MPEP §1214.06 has canceled the claim on which it depends. Therefore, in order to circumvent cancellation of claim 6 by the Examiner, applicants' representative has recast claim 6 in independent form. Further, new dependent claims 15-30 have been added to recite limitations previously enunciated in cancelled claims 7-14. Since these new claims depend from independent claims reciting subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner, these claims should be allowed as well. A version of all pending claims is found at pages 2-4. Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

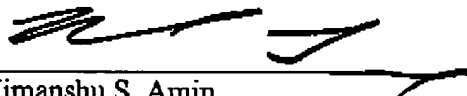
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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